Police Inspector at Vaikam.

17. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a non-Hindu or non-caste Hindu Police Inspector has ever been posted at Vaikam; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the names of the individuals, together with the periods during which each remained in that station?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*.)

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is a rule that a non-Hindu or a non-caste Hindu Police Inspector cannot be posted at Vaikam?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): There is no such rule.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know why as yet a non-caste Hindu is not posted there?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): It has not been the practice ever since the Department began. That is all I can say now.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinil I*): May I know the reasons for that special practice?

MR. R PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): There may not be any serious reasons. It is not possible that every Inspector should be posted in every place. I think it is purely accidental. I am not aware of any other more serious reason.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is any special reason preventing a non-caste Hindu being posted there?

PRESIDENT: He has already stated that there is no special reason. It has only been the practice.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether one Mr. Gopalan, a non-caste Hindu, was posted at Vaikom recently?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I do not remember. I claim notice.

Police Inspector in the Fort Police Station.

18. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether a non-caste Hindu has at any time been posted as Inspector in the Fort Police Station?

MR R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*). No.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) May I know whether there is any reason for not posting a non-caste Hindu as Police Inspector in the Fort Police Station?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): The same answer as before.

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